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EXDIS, FOR AMB. ALSTON FROM ASSISTANT SEC. HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US-VIETNAM RELATIONS

REF: STATE 268185

1. THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS JUST DELIVERED FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK'S REPLY DATED DECEMBER 9 TO MY LETTER TRANSMITTED BY REF, WHICH YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO PASS TO HIM. BY SEPTTEL YOU WILL RECEIVE TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE HERE ON DECEMBER 14 TOGETHER WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BRIEF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR AMPLIFYING YOUR ORAL REMARKS TO PEACOCK TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ON MY BEHALF:

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A. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED RECEIVING THE TEXT OF YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTER, TRANSMITTED THROUGH ALAN RENOUF, CONCERNING U.S. RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM AND HOW THEY MIGHT DEVELOP.

B. AS YOU NOW KNOW, I SHALL BE GOING TO PARIS TO MEET WITH PHAN HIEN FOR THE THIRD ROUND OF NORMALIZATION TALKS

DECEMBER 19 AND 20. THE U.S. NEGOTIATING POSITIONS AND THE FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCE THEM ARE STILL MUCH AS I OUTLINED TO YOU IN MY PREVIOUS LETTER.

C. RATHER THAN COMMENT IN DETAIL ON YOUR LATEST LETTER, WHICH RAISES A NUMBER OF INTERESTING POINTS, I THINK IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IF I DELAYED MY RESPONSE UNTIL THESE THIRD ROUND DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. WE SHOULD THEN HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, THE VIETNAMESE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE IN THEIR POSITION OF LAST MAY AND JUNE, AND WHETHER PROGRESS TOWARD BETTER RELATIONS CAN BE MADE.

D. I SHALL WRITE EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. UNTIL THEN, MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PARTY'S ELECTION VICTORY,

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